

The 1944 War Fund Campaign of the West Coffee Chapter, American Red Cross, will be formally launched on next Tuesday when volunteer workers start a canvass of the city of Elba. War Fund Chairman, J. C. Dixon, has named committees for every section of the city, and school principals throughout the Elba territory have been selected as chairmen for their communities.

All committee chairmen and workers will assemble Monday evening at the Armory for a barbecue, at which time full instructions will be given for the every-person canvass to be made. West Coffee's quota has been set at \$5,500.00. All workers employed at Camp Rucker who live in Elba are expected to make their contributions in Elba, this applies to all other persons who live in Elba although they work in other places. Here are the committees named by Chairman Dixon:

Business and Professional Committee: J. C. Fleming, F. F. Clark, J. F. Brunson, Flournoy Whitman, J. J. Lindsey, Sam Sawyer, Jake Bonneau, Claude Dorsey, Jr., W. M. Brunson, L. P. Mullins.

Brantley Road: E. P. Gieger, Mrs. Sam Sawyer, Mrs. Charles Hayes, Jr.

Troy Road: Mrs. Nell B. Cooper, Mrs. O. M. Fox, A. C. Dunaway, Miss Zadie Rowe, Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, Smith Avenue: Mrs. J. V. Wright, Mrs. Mary Alice Mayes.

Dorsey Bros.: Sam Rowe, Wallace Belcher, Mayo Prescott, Price Ringo. Brunson Hill: Mrs. C. E. Lunsford, Mrs. Grace Ebert, Levee to Methodist Church and Davis Street: Mrs. C. P. Hayes, Sr., Mrs. Kline Bentley, Mrs. W. C. Braswell.

Section from Miller's Corner to Miss Morrow's Store: Mrs. L. P. Mullins, Mrs. Sam Rowe, Mrs. Stokes Haire.

West Elba, South Railroad: Mrs. Kay Farris, Mrs. S. S. Edmondson.

West Elba, North Railroad: Mrs. Ross Clark, Mrs. Dan Nelson.

Enterprise Bridge to Methodist Church, South of Square: Mrs. Gertrude Owen, Mrs. James English.

Emergency Aid: Ross Clark.

School Committees—Beta Club: Jimmie Childs, Rosa Pat Rainer, Martha Ann Dixon.

Rural Areas: Principal of each school will serve as Chairman, and select those whom he needs to assist.

F. H. A.: Nona Braswell, Jeanne Moore, Martha Sue

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MAYOR MULLINS IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION

Mayor L. P. Mullins has authorized us to run his formal announcement for re-election, subject to the Democratic caucus to be held April 4. It has been generally known for some time that he would be a candidate.

During his administration the City has made progress in many ways and he points with pride to his record of achievement. Friends are predicting that he will not be opposed, however, time limit on qualifications has been set at midnight next Monday, March 6, and it will not be definitely known how things line up until after that time.

MACE COOKE RATED AS GUNNER'S MATE

Great Lakes, Ill., Feb. 25—Among those graduating from an intensive course of Gunner's Mate training at recent Service School exercises here was Mace Cooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Cooke, Elba, Alabama.

This Bluejacket was selected for his specialized training on the basis of his recruit training aptitude test scores. Graduates from the 20 specialized courses taught here at the Service School are sent to sea, to shore stations, or to advanced schools, for active duty or further training.

DELEGATES TO A. E. A.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Board of the Coffee County Teachers Association, the following delegates were selected to the A. E. A., which meets in Birmingham the last of March:

Principal delegates: H. B. Larkins, Kingston; Olin D. Roberson, New Brockton; J. C. Dixon, Elba; R. L. Bates, Enterprise. Alternate delegates: Mrs. Baxter Bryan, Elba; C. E. Peacock, Mt. Pleasant; A. C. Dunaway, Elba; B. R. Krudop, Enterprise.

PREACHING AT HAM'S

There will be preaching service at Ham's School House Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock (war time). The public is invited.

C. P. Roberts.

Pvt. Fontell H. Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Wise, Elba, Rt. 1, who was inducted into the Army January 3, 1944, is now stationed at Fort Niagara, N. Y., where he is receiving his basic training. He writes his parents that he likes the Army fine.

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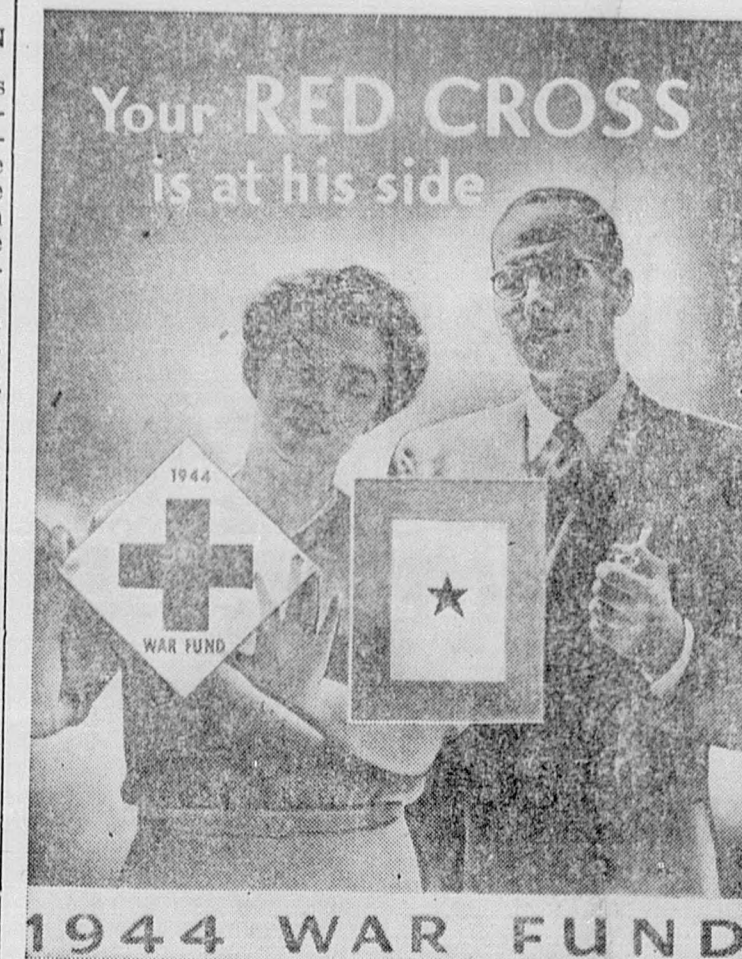
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THE ELBA CLIPPER

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1944



This year, with service flags in windows of nearly every home, Red Cross will mean so much more to Americans. As depicted in this reproduction of a 1944 Red Cross War Fund poster, many windows also will display the symbol of participation in the cause of Mercy and Humanity—the Red Cross.

SEEK RE-ELECTION TO COFFEE SCHOOL BOARD

Messers J. E. Pittman, of Enterprise, and R. E. Williams, of Kingston, veteran members of the Coffee County Board of Education, last week qualified for re-election to their places and are making their formal announcement in the regular column of this issue.

It is not necessary for The Clipper to try to make any formal introduction of these gentlemen to Coffee people. They have served on the board long enough to be known to all school people, and their work in the interest of schools of the county is also well known. Friends in all parts of the county will be interested in the announcements and will no doubt rally to their support in the approaching primary election.

ELBIANS VIOLATING RENT REGULATIONS

Rental officials of the Office of Price Administration this week called attention to the fact that several landlords in Elba have not registered their dwellings. Carroll T. McConnell, OPA rent director, revealed that failure of landlords to register their dwellings is a serious violation of OPA rent regulations. Since Coffee County came under rent control laws for "critical defense areas" some several months ago, Mr. McConnell said it was necessary for rooms, apartments, hotels, and other housing establishments for rent to be registered.

Mrs. William D. Jacobs, of Phenix City, received a message stating that her husband, Cpl. Jacobs, was in a hospital in Italy from a slight shock, but a letter received Feb. 23rd said he was just fine and hoped to be back with his outfit in a few days, and that he was having the best of medical care.

R. A. Kelley, who has been with the armed forces almost two years, spending seven months in North Africa, has recently received a medical discharge and is at home with his wife, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Kelley.

PPC France Daniels, Elba colored soldier who has been stationed at Camp McCain, Miss., for some time, visited his mother, Frances Daniels, several days last week. He also visited his sisters in Birmingham during his furlough.

PPC John W. Young, of Mobile, is spending this week with relatives in Zion Chapel community.

Miss Mildred Lunsford, of Mobile, is spending this week with relatives in Zion Chapel community.

Miss Nettie Flournoy, who teaches at Thomaston, is spending the week in Elba with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf and sons were guests of Mr. J. F. Frazer in LaFayette during the week end.

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RED CROSS ROOMS ARE OPEN AGAIN

The Red Cross production ward Foy Spurlin, of Elba; Vaughan Hardwa re & Furniture Co., on south side of court square, were opened Monday afternoon after a rest of almost three months. Mrs. Luther Vaughan, chairman of the surgical dressing project, announces that a supply of material for the March quota of dressings is now on hand, and the rooms will be open every afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

During March the Elba Chapter is asked to cut and fold a total of 23,400 dressings. This means that a large number of volunteer workers will be needed at the rooms every afternoon during working hours. Mrs. Vaughan urges Elba women to get into this work immediately so that the quota can be finished on time. If you cannot spend the entire afternoon in this work, come any time you wish and stay as long as you can. The dressings are urgently needed by our armed forces.

BUD ROBERTS DIES IN DOTHAN HOSPITAL

Enterprise, Ala.—James W. (Bud) Roberts, 74, merchant of Bethany community, near New Brockton, died in a Dothan hospital Wednesday, Feb. 23, following several weeks' illness. A native of Coffee County, Mr. Roberts had made his home in Bethany community for the past eight years.

Surviving are seven sons: Jim Roberts, Elba; William Roberts, Denville; Joseph Roberts, Kingston; Claude Roberts, New Brockton; Leonard Roberts, Detroit, Mich.; Donaldson Roberts, U. S. Army; Fred Roberts, Mobile; five daughters: Mrs. Mattie Seymour, Mrs. Clyde Dye, and Mrs. Bessie Lee Young, Elba; Mrs. Nannie Mae Knight, New Brockton; Mrs. Agnes Crook, of Chickasaw, and several grandchildren.

Funeral was held from Damascus Church Friday with the Rev. A. W. Barker officiating. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

The regular jury term of Circuit Court for the trial of criminal cases convened in Elba Monday morning with Judge C. C. Brannen presiding. Solicitor J. A. Huey, Court Reporter C. L. McCartha, and several out-of-town attorneys were also in attendance during the session. The court was still in session Wednesday morning.

NOTICE

We will have our regular service at Whitewater Baptist Church Sunday and Sunday night, March 5th, at the usual hours. We will also begin our Sunday School again at this meeting and everybody is invited to be on hand one hour early for this purpose. Literature will be there.

A. W. Barker, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gafford and Mrs. Ida Bryan returned to Elba Sunday night after a short visit to Mrs. Cooke's sister, Mrs. Henry Holland, of Thomaston, Ga. Due to the illness of Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Cooke returned to Thomaston on Tuesday to remain until her sister's health improves.

Mrs. Cleo Hawkins, Miss Winnie Bowdoin, Mrs. Arden Bradley, Mrs. Lewis Brooks and sons were visitors to Montgomery Saturday.

AC Lamar Rainer, Jr., in training at Greenville, Miss., is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Rainer.

GUNNERY EMPLOYEES GET CASH AWARDS

Three Alabama boys, Edward Foy Spurlin, of Elba; John E. Hardwick, of Enterprise, and Homer E. Hornsby, of Montgomery, were among a group of civilian employees at the sub-depot at Buckingham Field, Fort Myers, Fla., who received special cash awards made by the government for improvement made to equipment used at the field, according to news received recently by relatives here.

The awards were presented at a public ceremony by Colonel Moler, "for service over and above their regular line of duty," with all employees of the depot attending.

Spurlin designed and developed a ton target release for P-47 airplanes. He is foreman of the machine shop. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Spurlin, of Elba.

RATION CALENDAR

PROCESSED FOODS:—Green K. L. and M. (Book 1) expire March 20. Blue A8 through E8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens, expire May 20.

MEATS, FATS: Brown Y and Z (Book 3) expire March 20. Red A8, B8, C8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens, expire May 20. (Red D8, E8, F8 become valid March 12, expire May 20.)

SUGAR: No. 30 Stamp (Book 4) good for 5 pounds until March 31. Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of Canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

SHOES: No. 18 Stamp (Book one) and Airplane stamp No. 1 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

GASOLINE: A-10 coupons now valid, expire Mar. 21. Rationing rules now require that every car owner write his license number, and state in advance on all gasoline coupons in his possession.

PFC Paul R. Brunson has returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., after a visit with relatives in Elba. His wife and ing. He was accompanied by his son-in-law, Captain Pittman, U. S. Army.

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ELBA EXCHANGE BANK
J. F. BRUNSON, Pres. E. G. BRAGG, Vice-Pres.
T. B. BRYAN, Cashier
LUNA DELLE RINGO, Assistant Cashier

SUNDAY LESSON

By HAROLD LUNDQUIST, D. D.
Of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago,
Released by Western Newspaper Union

Lesson for March 5

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JESUS URGES HIS DISCIPLES TO WATCH

LESSON TEXT: Mark 13:31, 31-37.
GOLDEN TEXT: Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh.—Mark 13:35

God has a plan, and even now when men seem to have turned all order into chaos, we know that God is working out His purpose. The important crisis in that plan of God which we now await is the return of Christ. His second coming.

He will come secretly to call His own Church, the Bride, to Himself, and then He will come openly, in great glory, when every eye shall behold Him. Then His enemies shall be confounded, and His eternal kingdom be established.

We look for His coming, but while we wait (and it may be long) we are to occupy for Him until He comes. Our lesson today is "Watch."

I. What to Expect While Waiting for Christ (v. 31).

First, we note that we are to expect the coming of false teachers and false Christs, who will claim to be the fulfillment of the prophecies of Scripture. We need only one additional concerning them, "Take heed that no man lead you away."

There have always been such false leaders who for the prominence or gain afforded them, have led the unwary bewildered mankind all sorts of panaceas whereby it is supposed to solve its problems. It seems that these men increase in numbers when great crises are near, come upon the nations. Do not be misled by them. Just because a man seems to be devout and professes to be interested in Christ's return does not make him a dependable teacher. Are not these the very ones Jesus warned against? They must meet the test of all of God's Word.

Christ warns believers that before the end of the age there will be wars, world-wide war, earthquakes in many places, and famines. These are to be expected, and will come. But here a word of caution is needed. We must not seize upon present events and rush out for the print and tell people that "this is it!"

We should be alert in relating what we read in the Bible to the Scripture, but let us "make haste slowly." But let us not assume that the need for caution justifies him in ignoring either the Word or world events. We are to be alert, well informed, spiritual and ready.

II. What to Do While Waiting for Christ (v. 37).

Preach the gospel! That is our first and most important business. Our Lord said that the whole world was to be evangelized before the end came. Please note carefully that He did not say that all nations will be saved, but that they will hear the gospel.

That is our responsibility—to see to it that every nation has a full and free opportunity to hear the blessed gospel message. We have not done it, and the failure of the Church at that point is a dark blot on its record.

There seems to be a revival of interest in the work of missions now, and there are many who believe that the end of the world is near. It is the urgent business of the Church now to prepare the missionaries who will then be needed.

And in the meantime we should all be busy about the all-important matter of teaching and preaching the gospel. It is the best preparation for the coming of Christ and the thing we would want to be doing when He comes.

III. How to Live While Waiting for Christ (v. 37).

There should be an air of expectancy constantly characterizing the Christian. We are looking for Someone—yes, a very definite and glorious One—our Lord Himself.

We do not know when He will come (v. 32). That is a matter hidden in the eternal councils of God the Father, a secret into which angels do not pry, and which even the Son did not know. Why then do foolish men attempt to learn it? Because many men who set a date for Christ's return or for the end of the age. He is setting himself up as being superior to Christ, and we can be sure that he is an impostor.

We do not know the day, but of the fact we are sure, and we must wait again! So we are to be watchful as we wait. God has not called us to stand idle, looking for the coming of that glorious day. We are to be about His business, but everywhere and always, wide awake and looking for Him.

That kind of a believer (and all believers should be that kind) will pray. We are to "watch and pray." We go together. The one who prays will watch. The one who watches will pray. Possibly some of us are not praying because we have fallen asleep and no longer watch for His coming. Then too we probably fall asleep because we did not pray.

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

MAJOR CALLS ELBIANS TO SUPPORT RED CROSS

Major L. P. Mullins has issued a proclamation urging every man, woman, boy and girl to cooperate in the Red Cross War Fund Campaign, which will be observed throughout the month of March. The funds to be raised by the Red Cross will be used almost entirely in services to armed forces here and abroad. The greatest demands ever made on this or any other organization have been made.

WHEREAS, the war in every part of the world is in its most critical stage, requiring every ounce of human endeavor possible on the part of those on the home front; and

WHEREAS, the young men of this city are fighting and dying for the defense of the United States and the defense of the world; and

WHEREAS, it is not only the privilege, but the duty as well, of every American to serve the larger to enable the Red Cross to meet every demand placed upon it; and

WHEREAS, it is our common aim to contribute to the welfare of our sons and daughters in the armed forces, wherever they may be, to the point of sacrifice; and

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WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is serving the fighting men of the world over, bringing them the comfort and cheer that we ourselves would like to give them, and at the same time is preparing to meet the needs of disaster-stricken areas; and

THEREFORE, I, L. P. Mullins, Mayor of Elba, Ala., in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, naming Major L. P. Mullins, American Red Cross Month, do hereby and now call upon all the citizens of Elba to support the 1944 Red Cross War Fund to the limit of their ability, contributing to the Red Cross through our own local chapter; and I further urge that the citizens of this city with the knowledge that the

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NEARLY 3,000 TREES ADDED TO ORCHARDS

"An orchard on every farm," has been the goal in Coffee County for the past several years. Many trees are planted toward that goal during the dormant months, some in establishment of new orchards, others in addition to those already established.

A recent report shows that in the Enterprise area 500 peach trees, 250 pecans, 200 grapes, 20 apples, 15 apricots and 5 fig trees have been planted this season.

Elba and vicinity, 500 peach trees, 300 pecans, 35 grapes, 20 figs, 10 apples, 30 apricots, 50 mulberries, 15 pears.

A total of 1,425 peach trees, 1,000 pecans, 370 grapes, 45 apricots, 30 apples, 50 mulberries, 25 figs, 15 pears, for addition of 2,960 orchard trees to those already growing in the county.

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THAMES BIRTHDAY SING, SUNDAY, FEB. 13

The friends of Mr. James Thames met at his home near Asberry Church last Sunday to spend the day. They began to meet about 10:30. They sang songs in the old Sacred Harp.

H. O. Dyess sang 3 songs. The following leaders sang: G. L. Beck, N. O. Holmes, E. G. Wilks, A. T. Hundley, A. G. Davis, G. L. Beck, H. O. Dyess, R. H. Moore, W. C. Clark, H. T. Deal.

By request 363 was sung, also 62. We were proud to have the soldiers with us, Norman Gifford and E. Ward Crane, of Camp Rucker.

We wish to thank the many more happy birthdays. May God bless him and his family.—Contributed

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